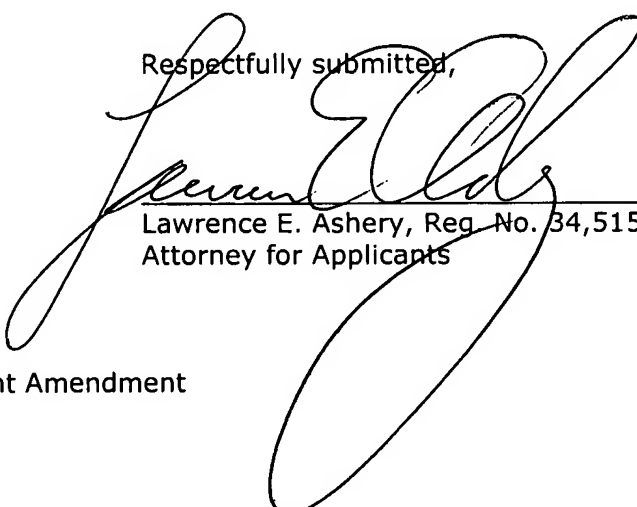


Remarks/Arugments:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 07, 2005, the underlining of the Amendment to the Specification has been removed. A copy of the Notice is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515
Attorney for Applicants

LEA/dmw

Attachment: Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

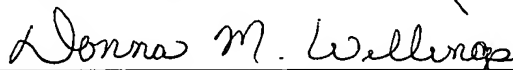
Dated: January 9, 2006

P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482
(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. **18-0350** of any fees associated with this communication.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. **18-0350** of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 9, 2006.


Donna M. Wellings

DMW_I:\MAT\8675US\RESPONSENON-COMPLIANTAMEND.DOC